

# INSIDER

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## Points from the President

### Independence Day

Independence and self-sufficiency are proud American traits. This country was carved out of the wilderness by visionary, passionate, hard-working men and women, and has been defended by courageous Americans ever since.

Self-reliance, however, can be dangerous. The men and women who built this country also relied on one-another. Many people gave their lives for others. Americans came together in masses to help the war effort as a team in 1941. Navy Seals put the effort of the team ahead of the individual every day. UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden showed the country that teamwork is more important than individual talent when his team won 10 national basketball titles in 12 years in the 1960's and 70s. ESS is successful only through teamwork – many different strengths working together.

Personal success, money, power, and material possessions are highly valued in America, and many of us have forgotten to put the team ahead of personal success. As a result, we find it perfectly acceptable to promote ourselves..... sometimes at the expense of others.

Recently, I had an awakening. I hurt someone with my competitive spirit and poor attitude. I am thankful that this was brought to my attention and I am working to fix it. We all have the power to build up others or crush others with our words and actions. We fall into bad habits of self-promotion. We fail to empathize when we should, and we miss opportunities to help others thrive.

I understand what is best for me is to help those around me succeed. I understand the team is more important than my individualism. Understanding it and doing it are two different things, but I am committed to doing a better job.

*Paul*

“Consider the rights of others before your own feelings and the feelings of others before your own rights.”

-John Wooden



## New Business

ESS continues to grow as a result of a great Team - a Team that does the dirty jobs day after day without complaint or excuse.

- ◆ The Baby Fold – Bloomington
- ◆ Eye Surgical Associates – Bloomington
- ◆ Iroquois Federal-Savoy
- ◆ Comcast Spotlight-Champaign
- ◆ Alan G. Ryle Co.-Champaign
- ◆ Fehr Graham-Champaign
- ◆ Insight CPA's-Bloomington
- ◆ Heartland Bank—Farmer City
- ◆ Birkey's Farm Store—Bloomington
- ◆ U of I Extension Office—Monticello
- ◆ Central Illinois Bank—Peoria
- ◆ Frasca International—Urbana



# Employee of the Month



March 2014  
Jane Bearden  
Bloomington  
Branch



April 2014  
Jason Smock  
Urbana Branch



May 2014  
Scott Patterson  
Danville Branch

## Service Awards

### 5 Years:

Jane Bearden  
Willie Price  
Margaret Swim  
Larry Boyd  
Deidre Norden  
William Navas  
Jason Smith

# Welcome



## New Day Shift Supervisor

We would like to introduce our new Day Shift Supervisor –Mike Alsmeyer. Mike has 30 years' experience in the restaurant and service industries. His responsibilities with ESS include supervising day shift Team Members, filling in for absences at day shift accounts in the Bloomington and Effingham branches as well as the Urbana branch, and doing project work such as window cleaning. Mike lives in Mahomet and enjoys spending time with his family, including his wife Sherri, his stepdaughters, Heather and Brooke, and his four grandchildren. Mike also plays guitar and he enjoys grilling and bike riding.

## Accounting and Inventory Specialist

We would like to introduce our new Accounting Inventory Specialist—Peggy Tobin. We do our best to keep our Accountant's head spinning with new contracts, employee benefits and programs. Fortunately, Peggy cannot easily be undone. Peggy has an Associates Degree in Accounting and has spent her last fifteen years in the Accounting field. Peggy is from Farmer City, where she lives with her husband Paul. With her two kids in college at SIU, Peggy and Paul spend their time outdoors gardening, reading, building fires, throwing darts, and trying to avoid poison ivy.





# Hope House



**ESS Clean Inc. has partnered with the New Hope Church to renovate and repair a home that is owned by the church. This home will be known as Hope House and will serve as a temporary transitional living space for women who have recently been released from the prison system in Illinois. The New Hope Church's vision for Hope House is to help change the lives of women who have been in the prison system by helping to change and heal their hearts and give them the tools they need to transition out of a life of crime and into a life of productivity and success. Hope House will help these women to become successful community members by aiding them in obtaining their GED, assisting them on a path to college or career, and working to help unite children with their mothers by providing them a safe environment where their only concern is to focus on achieving their goals.**



**We would love for you to partner with us to make this renovation a huge success. The Hope House is in need of renovation supplies (building materials, carpeting, HVAC, paint), Household supplies (dishes, cookware, bedding, window coverings), Computer supplies (computer, printer, ink, paper), Books (GED study guides, resume writing, interview preparation guides), and any other everyday items.**

**If you would be interested in donating supplies or time please call  
Kim @ 217-337-6701.**

**Scheduled work days to be announced at a later date  
for ESS Employees.**



# Safety quizzes are adding up for our employees!



Remember, Team members your monthly safety quiz is your entry into the Jackpot drawing in December. Return your quizzes by the deadline each month and earn your entry and watch the Jackpot grow and grow.

**Grand prize - up to \$5,000**

**2nd place - \$750.00**

**3rd place - \$250.00**

Thank you for all of your participation so far this year!

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